



GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
Public Hearing March 11, 2013

Testimony on Raised Bill No. 6427

An Act Concerning Polling places for Primaries

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE Committee

My name is Sue W. Larsen. I am Chairman of the ROVAC Legislative Committee and here to speak in support of HB 6427 with modifications. ROVAC supports the consolidation of polling places for low turnout primaries. Registrars of Voters have retained records of voter turnout during past primaries and can make a determination of the number of polling places necessary based on familiarity with their particular town. Municipalities could have considerable cost savings if allowed to do this. Some municipalities already do this for local referendum.

The issue ROVAC has with this bill is confidentiality of the letters sent by candidates to the Secretary of the State. Elections and primaries should be an open process.

Large cities have different political and administrative issues. ROVAC understands the cost implication of notifying voters of the change in location. We, therefore, advocate for small and medium sized towns or cities with populations less than 60,000, to qualify. This would allow significant savings to these localities.

HB 778 also concerns the reduction of polling places for primaries. It does not have the detail HB 6427 has but ROVAC supports the concept put forward.

Thank you for allowing this testimony.

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